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I would agree that it is not germane and that the Chair should be upheld.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to sustain the Chair and think Senator Newell would, too, if he wasn't from Omaha. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Schmit. Is Senator Schmit present? Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I rise to overrule the Chair because I am from Omaha, Senator Hefner. Many times I have stood up here and I have voted for things that did not help Omaha, maybe even cost Omaha. I never thought about what part of the state I live in. I think this amendment of Senator Labedz', she knows probably that it is not germane. I don't think it is germane but I think it already has served its purpose. It has showed us just how stupid we have been to ever vote for anything that Omaha didn't get something out of. I have put four years in here voting with farmers but it didn't help Omaha, it didn't help Marge Higgins, and now I see the thanks that we get. You can ask Senator Schmit, you can ask Haberman, as many times as Haberman gets up and belittles Omaha, he has never asked Marge Higgins to help the farmer out that Marge Higgins and Labedz, and I am sure other Omaha Senators, have not come back and said, sure, we understand the plight of the farmers but they don't understand the plight of the urban cities that provide the entertainment for you and we get nothing in return. I think I am going to recommend to the Omaha City Council and the Mayor, when the next racing season starts, let all these people that are against Omaha come to the track and about eight o'clock when the races are over close about three of the exits to Ak-Sar-Ben and give them just one street to go down. I have fought for three years to keep parking in my district on Leavenworth Street because they want to take it away from the merchants on both sides of the street so you people can get to the races faster and get home faster. I am deeply sorry that I have helped other sections of this state without regard to what was in it for